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SUBJ: CIVAIR - PAN AM CAPACITY INCREASE

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SUMMARY. EMBASSY FILED NEW PAN AM SCHEDULES ON FEB 28. ALSO SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER GOJ DENIAL OF EARLIER REQUEST BY PAN AM FOR INCREASED FLIGHTS AT OSAKA AND REQUEST THAT NEW SCHEDULES BE APPROVED. END SUMMARY.

1. PASSENGER SCHEDULES AS SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY BY PAN AM/TOKYO INVOLVE FOLLOWING:

      (A) CANCELLATION OF REQUEST FOR TWO ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS AT OSAKA WHICH GOJ DENIED LAST NOVEMBER.

      (B) SUSPENSION OF DAILY B707 FLIGHTS, IN EACH DIRECTION, BETWEEN NEW YORK AND TOKYO VIA FAIRBANKS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 1975. HOWEVER, ON THREE DAYS EACH WEEK THESE FLIGHTS ALSO OPERATE BETWEEN TOKYO AND GUAM VIA OSAKA AND PAN AM PROPOSES TO CONTINUE THIS LATTER SERVICE -- PROBABLY UNDER NEW FLIGHT NUMBERS -- UNTIL MAY 22, 1975 (SEE SUBPARA (D) BELOW).

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      (C) INITIATION OF A NEW DAILY B747 SERVICE, IN EACH

DIRECTION, BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND HONG KONG VIA SAN FRANCISCO AND TOKYO, EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 1975.

(D) INITIATION OF A NEW DAILY B707 SERVICE FOUR TIMES PER WEEK, IN EACH DIRECTION, BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND OSAKA VIA HONOLULU, EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 1975. (CONCURRENTLY, PAN AM PLANS TO CANCEL ITS THRICE-WEEKLY SERVICES BETWEEN TOKYO AND OSAKA.)

2. AS REGARDS FLIGHTS AT OSAKA, FOREGOING INDICATES THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN FREQUENCIES UNTIL MAY 22, 1975. NET EFFECT OF CHANGES PROPOSED ON MAY 22 WILL BE TO ADD ONE ADDITIONAL FREQUENCY.

3. WITH FURTHER RESPECT TO OSAKA FLIGHTS, EMBASSY SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE AS PLANNED (TOKYO 2385) EVEN THOUGH PAN AM HAS NOW WITHDRAWN REQUEST FILED LAST OCT. (PARA 1(A) ABOVE). PURPOSE IS TO ASSURE THAT RECORD IS CLEAR THAT GOJ DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT TO UNILATERALLY DISAPPROVE SCHEDULES FILED UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS. AS NOTED ABOVE, THIS ISSUE WILL REMAIN ACTIVE AFTER MAY 22, NOTE AS SUBMITTED NOT ONLY EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER GOJ DISAPPROVAL OF EARLIER SCHEDULE BUT ALSO CONTAINS REFERENCE TO NEW SCHEDULES AND REQUESTS GOJ TO PERMIT THEM TO COME INTO EFFECT ON DATES SPECIFIED.

4. RE FYI COMMENT IN PARA 3 REF (B), EMBASSY CONCURS WITH DEPARTMENT THAT GOJ MAY ULTIMATELY ASK FOR CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS AS RESULT OF PROPOSED NEW SCHEDULES. BEFORE TAKNG THAT STEP, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE JCAB WILL FIRST TRY QTE TECHNICAL UNQTE AGRUMENT THAT HANEDA FACILITIES ARE PHYSICALLY INADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE INCREASED NUMBER OF B747'S.  
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